

PORT ST. JOE, FLORIDA

SEPTEMBER 11, 2008

EMERGENCY MEETING

The Gulf County Board of County Commissioners met in the Conference Room of the Robert M. Moore Administration building on this date in emergency session with the following members present: Chairman Billy E. Traylor, Commissioners Carmen L. McLemore, Nathan Peters, Jr., Jerry W. Barnes, and Bill Williams.

Others present were: Clerk of Circuit Court Rebecca L. Norris, Clerk Finance Officer Carla Hand, Chief Administrator Don Butler, Deputy Administrator Lynn Lanier, and Grant Writer Towan Kopinsky.

Chairman Traylor called the meeting to order at 2:58 p.m., E.T.

HURRICANE IKE/STUMPHOLE REVETMENT PROJECT/AWARD CONTRACT

Chairman Traylor stated that the Board is in the process of awarding the contract for the Stumphole Revetment, and he believes that the County will receive a permit from DEP very shortly. Chief Administrator Don Butler stated that the Board received TRIP funds for this project, but has been waiting on a DEP permit to begin. Chief Administrator Butler stated that the County has been successful in getting DOT to allow VMS to do emergency repairs at the Stumphole. Chairman Traylor stated that the position of the Board is to proceed with awarding the contract with GAC so that rocks can be moved on sight now, and the engineers can be ready to begin when the permit is received from DEP. Commissioner Williams stated that without knowing the specifications of the rocks and whether they will be approved by DEP, he would rather not move forward until the County has received the permit. Michael Hammond, with Preble-Rish, Inc., approached the Board and discussed the rock specifications. Chairman Traylor stated that giving GAC the contract does not give the Engineers authority to go outside the parameters of the contract or rules of DEP. Mr. Hammond stated that DOT will reimburse the County for any cost, but they will not reimburse the County for work done if no permit has been received. Chairman Traylor passed the chair to Commissioner Peters and motioned to award the contract to GAC, on an emergency basis, with GAC assuming all risks, fines, and consequences. Commissioner McLemore seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. Chairman Peters returned the chair to Commissioner Traylor. GAC representative Tim McGuffin stated that GAC understands that if there are any DEP fines or penalties, they will assume the responsibility for that. He further stated that GAC will not begin any work until the permit has been received. Chief Administrator Butler stated that the County does not need to take the risk of buying rocks that can't be returned, in the event that DEP does not approve them. Commissioner Williams stated that it nullifies the purpose of awarding this bid on an emergency basis if GAC does not purchase the rock immediately, and it violates the fair bidding process. Michael Hammond stated that an emergency permit will allow GAC to move anything within the right of way, and stated that GAC must immediately order the rock in order for the contract to be valid. Mr. Hammond stated that Preble-Rish, Inc. will get

DEP's specifications on the rock and give the information to GAC. Commissioner Williams motioned to allow Chairman Traylor to sign a Notice to Proceed. Commissioner Barnes seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. Grant Writer Towan Kopinsky stated that the field permit gives GAC the right to do whatever is needed to stop the damage at the Stumphole.

There being no further business and upon motion by Commissioner McLemore, the meeting did then adjourn at 3:15 p.m., E.T.

BILLY E. TRAYLOR
CHAIRMAN

ATTEST:

REBECCA L. NORRIS
CLERK